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Please see the attached update. Susan

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## STATUS

- 1. EPA continues to coordinate with LSP, LANG, DOD and LDEQ throughout site activities at EXPLO. Recent LDEQ coordination calls have been held on the following specific topics:
  - May 9, 2013 - Disposal of the Ammonium Picrate and Communication Plan
  - May 14, 2013 (Multiple Calls during Week) - Disposal of explosives stored at EXPLO by OBOD (Open Burn Open Detonation)/ARARS /Communication Plan
  - May 22, 2013 - Landfill Issues in AR and LA (RCRA and CERCLA participation) and OBOD ARAR Request. RCRA scheduling follow-up call with ADEQ on Landfill Issue/Initial ADEQ calls in February 2013. Plans on-going for landfill assessments
  - Proposed Senior Management Meeting of all Parties by June 14, 2013
- 2. On May 10, 2013, Superfund Enforcement Issued 104(e) Information Requests to EXPLO Systems, Inc., the LANG, DOD/US Army, and General Dynamics (GD).
  - Responses expected by June 28 (EXPLO/DOD), June 10 (LANG), June 7 (GD)
  - The OSC and General Counsel have participated in two conference calls with the Attorney for GD
    - On May 22, 2013, a package of information pertaining to EXPLO Systems was provided to EPA by GD
- 3. The week of May 28, 2013 (tentative date) the US Army Explosives Safety Board (ESB) anticipates providing the LANG and LSP:
  - A report summarizing their safety assessment
  - A plan to assess the stability of the explosive materials associated with EXPLO



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Systems currently stored in the 97 magazines at Camp Minden

- A disposal plan for the explosives materials at EXPLO Systems/Camp Minden
- 4. 2-55 gallon drums containing residue of Ammonium Picrate (Yellow D) will be rendered safe, by LSP Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) technicians within the next few weeks. LSP is coordinating with US Army EOD technicians from Ft. Polk for technical support.
  - 3-50 lb. boxes of Ammonium Picrate were secured within a magazine at Camp Minden
- 5. The OSCs are coordinating with ERRS contractors to obtain proposals (including cost estimates) for removal and disposal of the explosive materials at EXPLO Systems/Camp Minden. The proposals will be incorporated into a draft Removal Work Plan (Parallel Clean up Track/Enforcement First). OSCs anticipate the following deliverables:
  - The OSCs are coordinating with the ERRS PO to identify any COI issues so that a TDD can task Shaw/EQM to provide proposals and costs
    - Draft TDD language was provided to the PO on May 16, 2013 by the OSCs.
    - ERRS PO/CO are processing TDDs and SRO for issuance to contractors.
    - COI determination is expected from the contractors.
    - OSC/ERRS site walk proposed by May 30, 2013.
    - Contractor proposals/cost estimates are requested by June 21, 2013
- 6. The OSCs and Superfund management will coordinate the potential Removal Work Plan with the Louisiana State Partners (LDEQ, LSP, and LANG) by meeting/conference call:
  - Initial coordination meeting by June 14, 2013
  - Coordination on proposed Removal Work Plan by June 28, 2013
- 7. The OSCs and Superfund management will coordinate with EPA RCRA and LDEQ/ADEQ on the parallel and joint proceedings pertaining to the potential landfill contamination from EXPLO Systems:
  - On May 16, 2013, LDEQ met with Webster Parish officials and Republic Services personnel regarding the hazardous waste shipped to the Webster parish landfill
  - Request an estimate of the potential locations of the hazardous materials within the landfills in Webster Parish and Union County (EPA RCRA)
  - Request a joint inspection of the landfills (Superfund and RCRA) by June 5, 2013
  - Draft Assessment Plan for the hazardous materials in the landfills (generated by Superfund and RCRA) by June 26, 2013

OTHER:

- 1. On April 8, 2013, LSP conducted an emergency OBOD disposal of 16,000 lbs. of M6 Propellant. The ESB recommended the emergency disposal of the M6 Propellant based on the Lot Number associated with 16,000 lbs. which was identified as degraded and

unstable. LSP conducted the emergency OBOD disposal in an open field located at the E-Line (prior location of EXPLO Systems) at Camp Minden (update per LSP).

- 2. As of 1200 on May 20, 2013, LSP revoked the explosive handling licenses for EXPLO Systems, eliminating the handling of any explosives housed at EXPLO Systems or Camp Minden by any EXPLO Systems employee. EXPLO employees continue to have access to the business portion of their facility, however, access to the 97 magazines holding an estimated 18 million lbs. of explosive materials is under the control of the LANG at Camp Minden. As of May 17, 2013 the M6 propellant and Tritonal mixture was secured within magazines at Camp Minden. The remaining hazardous/explosive materials on-site are an estimated 3,000 lbs. and 3-55 gallon drums of red/pink water, 2-55 gallon drums of Ammonium Picrate (Yellow D) residue, and 700 lbs. of tar/plastic/TNT waste stored in roll-off boxes (update per LSP).
- 3. On May 22, 2013, a meeting was held at Camp Minden, LA to discuss EXPLO Systems, Inc. Topics included an overall status update (including future plans/options) and a Q&A Session with those in attendance. Attendees of the meeting were - LSP (Lt. John Porter, Cpt. Taylor Moss, and Col. Mike Edmundson), LANG (Col. Ronnie Stuckey and (TAG) General Glenn Curtis), and The Webster Parish District Attorney (Skylar Marvin). Representatives for Louisiana Congressman John Fleming, and Louisiana Senator Mary Landrieu participated by conference call (update per LSP).